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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Year ending December 31, 1957

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1957

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1957

Moderator: James J. Page

Town Clerk: Ruth F. Page

Selectmen:

James J. Page	(Term Expires 1958)
John Boutin, Sr.	(Term Expires 1959)
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	(Moved from Town)

Treasurer: Priscilla Boutin

Tax Collector: Francis H. Lackie

Highway Agent: John Boutin, Jr.

Supervisors of the Checklist:

Ethel A. Boutin	Forrest E. Clark	Lena Collins
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Constable: Ethel A. Boutin

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: James J. Page

Library Trustees:

Lulu M. Clark	(Term Expires 1958)
Seraphine Harris	(Term Expires 1959)
Vevah Leonard	(Term Expires 1960)

Librarian: Vevah Leonard

Trustees of Trust Funds:

Forrest E. Clark	(Term Expires 1958)
Ira E. Elliott	(Term Expires 1959)
James M. Leonard	(Term Expires 1960)

Auditor: Ethel A. Boutin

School Board:

James M. Leonard	(Term Expires 1958)
Ethel A. Boutin	(Term Expires 1959)
Mildred Elliott	(Term Expires 1960)

Sextons:

Ira E. Elliott	(Mt. View and East Cemeteries)
Vernon Hatch	(South Cemeteries)

Fence Viewers:

Vernon Hatch	Guy Labounty
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Ballot Clerks:

Iona Boutin	William Harris	Mildred Elliott
	Grace Gregory	

Health Officer: John Boutin, Sr.

Relief Agent: Ethel A. Boutin

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 11th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, James J. Page being the outgoing member; one Selectman for two years to complete the term of Joseph Boutin, Jr.; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Auditor; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$92.08 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12.99 to the White Mountains Region Association for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town in cooperation with the other towns in the region.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

Article 5. To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on property taxes paid before a date authorized by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to observe Memorial Day as in past years.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano in said Town.

Article 12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 7th day of February, A.D., 1958.

JAMES J. PAGE

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

Selectmen of Benton

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1958

Estimate of Revenue for the Year 1958 Compared with Actual
Revenue for the Year 1957.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1957	Estimated 1958
From State of New Hampshire		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 177.21	\$ 175.00
Savings Bank Tax	10.12	10.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	473.39	500.00
State Share Town Road Aid	467.18	613.89
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	188.48	181.54
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	714.65	500.00
Reimbursement a/c Blister Rust	1.38	
From Local Sources Except Taxes		
Dog Licenses	47.00	40.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	48.77	50.00
Income from Trust Funds	125.70	125.00
Income from Town Truck	217.75	300.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	612.61	600.00
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes		
Poll Taxes	128.00	120.00
Yield Taxes	1,259.61	600.00
Total Revenues from all Sources		
Except Property Taxes	\$4,471.85	\$3,815.43
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		7,665.66
TOTAL REVENUES		\$11,481.09

BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF BENTON—1958

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1957	Estimated 1958
Current Maintenance Expenses		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 417.00	\$ 450.00
Town Officers' Expenses	365.66	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	88.00	300.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	188.00	150.00
Police Department	10.00	10.00
Fire Department		100.00
Blister Rust	100.00	
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	7.00	10.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	770.95	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	567.46	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	838.06	800.00
Town Road Aid	70.08	92.08
Library	12.00	12.00
Old Age Assistance	237.00	300.00
Memorial Day	20.00	25.00
Cemeteries	144.75	150.00
Regional Association	13.27	12.99
Interest on Temporary Loans	40.00	40.00
Interest on Long Term Note	31.71	25.00
Indebtedness		
Long Term Note—Accelerated TRA Program	467.18	524.02
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
County Tax	266.80	275.00
School Tax	4,672.36	6,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$9,332.38</u>	<u>\$11,481.09</u>

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1957

Land and Buildings	\$ 87,925.00
Electric Plants	
New England Power Co.	\$ 28,750.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,790.00
White Mountain Power Co.	35.00
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	32,575.00
Stock in Trade	600.00
Horses (8)	600.00
Cows (100)	9,930.00
Neat Stock (11)	820.00
Goats (6)	60.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks (2)	200.00
Lumber	375.00
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TOTAL GROSS VALUATION	\$133,085.00
Less: Veterans' exemptions and exemptions to blind	<hr/> — 5,850.00
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Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed	\$127,235.00
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Veterans	\$ 5,350.00
Amount of Property Valuation Exempted to Blind	500.00
Number of inventories distributed	83
Number of inventories returned	39
Number of Veterans who Received Property Tax Exemption	6
Number of Veterans who Received Poll Tax Exemption	12

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1957

Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	100.00
Town Buildings Maintenance	150.00
Police Department	15.00
Fire Department	100.00
Blister Rust	100.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
Town Road Aid	70.08
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00
Town Truck Expenses	700.00
Library	12.00
Old Age Assistance	350.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Regional Association	13.27
Payments on Debt	467.18
Interest	110.00
County Tax	266.80
School Tax	5,063.47

TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

\$10,402.80

Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 177.21
Savings Bank Tax	8.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	1,000.00
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	475.00
Dog Licenses	40.00
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	400.00
Rent of Town Truck	500.00
Interest on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	170.00
State Share, Town Road Aid	467.18
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	188.48

TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS

\$4,925.87

\$5,476.93

Plus Overlay

243.41

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

\$5,720.34

Less 61 poll taxes @ \$2.00

— 122.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES

\$5,598.34

Net Valuation \$127,235 × Tax Rate \$4.40 = \$5,598.34

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1957

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Over-draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$417.00	\$83.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	400.00		400.00	365.66	34.34	
Election and Registration	100.00		100.00	88.00	12.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	150.00		150.00	188.00		\$38.00
Police Department	15.00		15.00	10.00	5.00	
Fire Department	100.00		100.00		100.00	
Blister Rust	100.00	\$1.38	101.38	100.00	1.38	
Health Department	5.00		5.00	5.00		
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	7.00		2.00
Town Road Aid	70.08		70.08	70.08		
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	800.00		800.00	770.95	29.05	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	1,000.00		1,000.00	567.46	432.54	
Town Truck Expenses	700.00		700.00	838.08		138.08
Library	12.00		12.00	12.00		
Old Age Assistance	350.00		350.00	237.00	63.00	
Memorial Day	25.00		25.00	20.00	5.00	
Cemeteries	150.00		150.00	144.75	5.25	
Regional Association	13.27		13.27	13.27		
Interest	110.00		110.00	71.71	38.29	
Principal of Debt	467.18		467.18	467.18		
County Tax	266.80		266.80	266.80		
School Tax	5,063.27		5,063.27	4,672.36	390.91	
	\$10,402.60	\$1.38	\$10,403.98	\$9,332.38	\$1,199.76	\$178.08
				Overdraft	—	178.08
				Net Unexpended Balance		\$1,021.68

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1957

 ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer 12/31/57		\$5,049.32
Unredeemed Taxes		
Levy of 1956	\$ 71.84	
Levy of 1955	81.21	
Previous Years	131.39	
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Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1957	\$1,274.37	
Levy of 1956	4.00	
Levy of 1955	40.40	
Previous Years	29.79	
State Head Tax—Levy of 1957	160.00	
State Head Tax—Previous Years	20.00	
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$6,872.32

LIABILITIES

Due to State		
State Head Taxes—1957	\$ 180.00	
Yield Tax—Bond and Debt		
Retirement	285.88	
Due to School District		
Balance of Appropriation	3,704.39	
Balance of one-half of 1957		
National Forest Reserve	14.64	
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Long Term Note Outstanding	
Accelerated TRA Program	524.02
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,708.93
Surplus	2,163.39
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GRAND TOTAL	\$6,872.32

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Community Building and School	
Land and Building	\$5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Town Office Building and Library	
Building	300.00
Furniture and Equipment	25.00
Highway Department	
Equipment—truck and snowplow	2,500.00
Town Safe	50.00
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	\$8,875.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Received from Motor Vehicle Permits	
1956 Permits (3)	\$ 17.04
1957 Permits (76)	595.57
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	\$ 612.61
Received from Dog Licenses (9)	18.00
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	\$ 630.61
Vital Statistics	
4 births	
10 deaths	

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH F. PAGE
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT **PROPERTY, POLL, AND YIELD TAX WARRANTS**

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS			DEBITS			
	Levy of 1957	Levy of 1956	Levy of 1955	Levy of 1954	Levy of 1953	Levy of 1952
Taxes Committed to Collector						
Property	\$5,598.34	\$2,009.83	\$235.26	\$62.00	\$152.38	\$40.48
Poll	122.00	62.00	4.00			
Yield	1,589.97	125.31	36.40	6.16	14.73	\$8.90
Interest and Costs Collected	.77	48.00	13.66		37.07	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$7,311.08	\$2,245.14	\$ 289.32	\$ 68.16	\$ 204.18	\$ 8.90
						\$ 40.48
REMITTED TO TREASURER			CREDITS			
Property	\$4,736.64	\$1,937.99	\$ 154.05		\$ 123.47	
Poll	70.00	54.00				
Yield	1,134.30	125.31			37.07	
Interest and Costs Collected	.77	48.00	13.66			
Discount Allowed	95.00					
Abatements						
Poll		4.00				
Uncollected Taxes						
Property	766.70	4.00	4.00			
Poll	52.00		36.40	6.16	14.73	8.90
Yield	455.67					
Unredeemed Taxes						
Property		71.84	81.21	62.00	28.91	40.48
TOTAL CREDITS	\$7,311.08	\$2,245.14	\$289.32	\$68.16	\$204.18	\$8.90
						\$40.48

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS			
	Levy of 1957	Levy of 1956	Levy of 1955
DEBITS			
Committed to Collector	\$365.00	\$180.00	\$10.00
Penalties	2.00	16.00	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$367.00	\$196.00	\$10.00
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer	\$205.00	\$160.00	
Abatements		10.00	
Penalties	2.00	16.00	
Uncollected	160.00	10.00	10.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$367.00	\$196.00	\$10.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAIL SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Received from Francis H. Lackie,
Tax Collector

1953 Tax sales redeemed	\$ 160.54	
1955 Tax sales redeemed	167.96	
1956 Tax sales redeemed	10.99	
1955 Taxes bought by town	245.69	
1956 Taxes bought by town	111.30	
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		\$ 696.48

1956 Poll tax abatements	\$ 4.00	
1956 Poll tax collected	54.00	
1956 Head tax collected	160.00	
1956 Head tax penalties collected	16.00	
1956 Head tax abatements	10.00	
1956 Property tax collected	1,937.99	
1956 Property tax interest	36.75	
1956 Yield tax collected	125.31	
1956 Yield tax interest	11.25	
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		\$2,355.30

1957 Poll tax collected	\$ 70.00	
1957 Head tax collected	205.00	
1957 Head tax penalties	2.00	
1957 Property tax collected	4,736.64	
1957 Property tax interest	.77	
1957 Yield tax collected	1,134.30	
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		\$6,148.71

Received from Ruth F. Page,
Town Clerk

1956 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 17.04
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1957 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	595.57	
1957 Dog Licenses	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 630.61

Received from Ethel A. Boutin,
Constable

1957 Dog Licenses	\$ 29.00
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Received from State of New Hampshire
Reimbursement a/c State

and Federal Lands	\$ 473.39	
National Forest Reserve	1,429.29	
Interest and Dividends Tax	177.21	
Savings Bank Tax	10.12	
Reimbursement a/c Blister Rust	1.38	
Town Road Aid—State Share	467.18	
Class V Highway Maintenance		
Allotment	188.48	
	<hr/>	\$2,747.05

Received from Town Truck hire

Town of Benton	\$ 130.50	
Town of Bath	77.00	
Osmon Collins	3.25	
Lloyd Mason	5.00	
Forrest Clark	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 217.75

Received from Trustees of
Trust Funds

For Cemeteries	\$ 67.45	
For Highways	58.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 125.70

Received from Woodsville

National Bank

Temporary Loan in

Anticipation of Taxes	\$2,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,950.60
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Balance on hand 1/1/57	2,989.79
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	\$17,940.39
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Less Selectmen's Orders	— 12,883.73
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	\$5,056.66
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Less Bank Charges	— 7.34
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Balance on hand 12/31/57	\$5,049.32
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Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN

Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes

Property Taxes—1957	\$4,736.64
Poll Taxes—1957	70.00
Yield Taxes—1957	1,134.30
State Head Taxes—1957	205.00

Total Current Year's Taxes

Collected and Remitted	\$6,145.94
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes— Previous Years	2,063.30
Poll Taxes—Previous Years	58.00
State Head Taxes—Prev. Years	170.00
Interest Received on Taxes	48.77
Penalties on State Head Taxes	18.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	339.49

From State

For Town Road Aid	\$ 467.18
For Class V Highway Maint.	188.48
Interest and Dividends Tax	177.21
Savings Bank Tax	10.12
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	473.39
Reimbursement a/c White Pine Blister Rust	1.38
National Forest Reserve	1,429.29

2,747.05

From Local Sources, Except Taxes

Dog Licenses	\$ 47.00
Income from Trust Funds	125.70
Income from Town Truck	217.75
Registration of Motor Vehicles—1956	17.04

Registration of Motor Vehicles—1957	595.57	
	<hr/>	1,003.06
Receipts Other than Current Revenue		
Temporary Loans in		
Anticipation of Taxes	\$2,000.00	
Taxes Bought by Town—		
1955 and 1956	356.99	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		
FROM ALL SOURCES		\$14,950.60
CASH ON HAND JAN. 1, 1957		2,989.79
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GRAND TOTAL		\$17,940.39

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 417.00
Town Officers' Expenses	365.66
Election and Registration Expenses	88.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	188.00
Police Department	10.00
Blister Rust	100.00
Health Department	5.00
Vital Statistics	7.00
Town Road Aid	70.08
Town Road Maintenance	
—Summer	770.95
—Winter	567.46
Town Truck Expenses	838.08
Library	12.00
Old Age Assistance	237.00
Memorial Day	20.00
Cemeteries	144.75
Regional Association	13.27
Taxes Bought by Town	111.30
Abatements	14.00
Payment to State a/c Yield	
Tax Debt Retirement	8.82

\$3,988.37

Interest

Paid on Temporary Loans in	
Anticipation of Taxes	\$ 40.00
Paid on Long Term Note	31.71

71.71

Indebtedness

Payments on Temporary Loans	
in Anticipation of Taxes	\$2,000.00
Payments on Long Term Note	467.18
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	2,467.18

Payments to Other Governmental
Divisions

State Head Taxes Paid	
State Treasurer	\$ 324.50
Taxes Paid to County	266.80
Payments to School District	5,772.51
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	6,363.81

TOTAL PAYMENTS	
ALL PURPOSES	\$12,891.07
CASH ON HAND DEC. 31, 1957	5,049.32
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GRAND TOTAL	\$17,940.39

DETAIL SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries

Forrest E. Clark, trustee of trust funds	\$ 8.00
James M. Leonard, trustee of trust funds	8.00
Ethel A. Boutin, auditor	20.00
Priscilla Boutin, closing 1956 accounts	20.00
James J. Page, closing 1956 accounts	30.00
John Boutin, Sr., assessing	16.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., assessing	12.00
James J. Page, assessing	16.00
Francis H. Lackie, Tax Commission meetings	8.00
James J. Page, Tax Commission meeting	4.00
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	50.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	50.00
Ethel A. Boutin, relief agent	10.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	40.00
James J. Page, selectman	75.00
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	\$ 417.00

Detail 2. Town Officers' Expenses

Association of N. H. Assessors, 1957 dues	\$ 3.00
Town Clerks' Association, 1957 dues	3.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, 1957 dues	3.00
James M. Leonard, mileage for trustees	2.40
Ethel A. Boutin, postage for auditor	1.25
Courier Printing Co., Inc., town reports	183.09
George E. Quig Insurance Agency, officers' bonds	17.20
Edith J. Yeaton, gas for relief agent	3.00
Sargent Bros., tax bills	14.50
Recording and Statistical Corp., auto-truck guide	7.50
Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co., safe deposit box	4.40

Edson C. Eastman, supplies	22.80
Ethel A. Boutin, fees and expenses	2.00
Ruth F. Page, fees and expenses	40.91
Francis H. Lackie, fees and expenses	31.31
Fred J. Shores, Register, transfers	.66
Anna D. Proctor, Register, transfers	.20
John Boutin, Sr., expenses	4.50
James J. Page, expenses	13.60
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	\$ 365.66

Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses

Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	\$ 16.00
Lena Collins, supervisor	16.00
Forrest E. Clark, supervisor	16.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	16.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr., selectman	8.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	8.00
James J. Page, moderator	8.00
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	\$ 88.00

Detail 4. Expenses of Town Buildings

P. R. Gregory, Jr., wood	\$ 30.00
Mabel Boutin, cleaning	15.00
Seraphine Harris, cleaning	15.00
John Boutin, Sr., labor	64.00
Page Hill Farms, wood	60.00
Floyd Noyes, rent of mixer	4.00
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	\$ 188.00

Detail 5. Police Department

Ethel A. Boutin, constable	\$ 10.00
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Detail 6. Blister Rust Control

William H. Messeck, Jr., State Forester	\$ 100.00
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Detail 7. Health Department

John Boutin, Sr., health officer	\$ 5.00
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Detail 8. Vital Statistics

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	\$	7.00
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Detail 9. Town Road Aid

State of New Hampshire (Paid to Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank on Long Term Note for Accelerated TRA Program)	\$	70.08
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**Detail 10. Town Road Maintenance—Summer
Labor**

John Boutin, Jr., agent	\$	218.00
Joseph Boutin, Jr.		106.00
Albert J. Boutin		73.00
William Harris		18.00
John Boutin, Sr.		14.00
John Elliott		2.00
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	\$	431.00

Equipment Hire

Arthur Bigelow	\$	127.50
John Boutin, Sr.		98.00
Page Hill Farms		13.00
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		238.50

Repairs

Woodsville Welding Shop	\$	18.00
Stoddard Implement Co.		5.40
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		23.40

Supplies

Treasurer, State of N. H.	\$	14.00
Aldrich General Store		7.20
Clark-Goudie Hardware Co.		16.35
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		37.55

Gravel

William Clough	\$	24.00
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Page Hill Farms	10.50	
Tilden Day	6.00	
	<hr/>	40.50
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		\$ 770.95

Detail 11. Town Road Maintenance—Winter**Labor**

John Boutin, Jr., agent	\$ 225.00	
Albert Boutin	39.00	
John Boutin, Sr.	29.00	
Joseph N. Boutin	10.00	
Joseph Boutin, Jr.	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 310.00

Equipment Hire

Town of Benton	\$ 130.50	
Page Hill Farms	11.00	
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Repairs

Ideal Welding Shop	\$ 67.85	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	3.51	
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Supplies

Caldbeck-Cosgrove Corp.	\$ 12.10	
Holbrook Grocery Co.	32.50	
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		\$ 567.46

Detail 12. Town Truck Account**Gas and Oil**

Edith J. Yeaton	\$ 187.87
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Bearse's General Store	18.00	
Aldrich General Store	3.37	
Fullerton's	2.20	
	<hr/>	\$ 211.44
Repairs, Maintenance, Etc.		
H. O. Taylor Chevrolet Co.	\$ 271.58	
C. H. Goss Co.	207.36	
Bailey Buick	23.80	
Fullerton's	1.00	
Slim's Servicer	1.00	
R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency	91.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 596.64
Labor (Repaid by Town of Bath)		
Albert J. Boutin		30.00
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		\$ 838.08
Detail 13. Library		
Vevah Leonard, librarian		\$ 12.00
Detail 14. Old Age Assistance		
State of New Hampshire		\$ 237.00
Detail 15. Memorial Day		
E. B. Mann & Co.	\$ 11.00	
F. J. Norris Co.	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 20.00
Detail 16. Cemeteries		
Ira E. Elliott, sexton	\$ 140.75	
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, supplies	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 144.75
Detail 17. Regional Association		
White Mountains Region Association	\$ 13.27	

Detail 18. Interest

Woodsville National Bank, tax anticipation loan	\$ 40.00
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, long-term note	31.71
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	\$ 71.71

Detail 19. Tax Anticipation Loan

Woodsville National Bank	\$2,000.00
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Detail 20. Long-term Note

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, accelerated TRA program	\$ 467.18
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Detail 21. County Tax

L. M. Colby, Treasurer, Grafton County	\$ 266.80
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Detail 22. School Tax

Benton School District, appropriation	\$4,672.36
National Forest Reserve, school share 1956	400.15
National Forest Reserve, school share 1957 (partial)	700.00
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	\$5,772.51

TRUST FUNDS

Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1957

There are in custody of the Trustees the following trust funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown (183.95) is that received during the year 1957 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds.

NAME OF FUND	Amount of Fund	Distribution of Income		
		Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$513.19	\$12.90		
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	\$2.00	\$2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00	5.00		
J. C. Speed	126.08	3.80		
Samuel Whitcher and William Kendall	179.00	5.41		
William T. Torsey	43.09	1.30		
Samuel Annis	43.08	1.30		
Jonithan Davis	43.09	1.30		
George H. Clark	179.58	5.42		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.50		
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.50		
D. M. and K. L. Howe	100.00	3.02		
Isabella M. Tyler	50.00	1.50		
	<u>\$6,577.11</u>	<u>\$67.45</u>	<u>\$58.25</u>	<u>\$58.25</u>

All of the above funds are either deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LEONARD
FORREST E. CLARK
IRA E. ELLIOTT
Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Highway Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL BOUTIN
Town Auditor

January 31, 1958

LIBRARY REPORT

The Benton Town Library, classified as "inactive" by the State Library, functions solely through the Bookmobile which keeps the librarian supplied with an excellent selection of current books. Balance in Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, January 1, 1958, \$93.88.

VEVAH LEONARD
Librarian

SERAPHINE HARRIS
Trustee

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE REPORT

Town's Appropriation		\$25.00
Howard Tyler (donation)		2.00
Balance from last year		.48
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		\$27.48
Paid for Dinner		
E. B. Mann & Co., Ice Cream		\$11.00
F. J. Norris, Groceries		
Coffee	1.39	
Oleo	.66	
Salt	.13	
Pepper	.21	
Catsup	.63	
Pork	1.20	
Peas	1.36	
Beans	3.25	
Pickles	1.20	
Bread	1.36	
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	\$11.39	
		\$11.00
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		\$22.00
From Town		\$20.00
Donation		2.00
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		\$22.00
Balance		\$ 5.48

The groceries were \$11.39 and Norris Store called it \$11.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard gave the paper plates which helped a great deal.

Memorial Day Committee

COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Rent of hall for card parties	\$103.00
Rent of hall for reception	2.00
Donation	3.00
Sale of old chairs	8.00
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TOTAL	\$116.00

Paid Out

Woodsville Furniture Co., bal. on chairs	\$ 85.00
Aldrich Store, oil cloth for tables	7.00
Arthur Young, repairing card tables	2.25
N. H. Electric Coop. (part of light bill)	11.08
Towels for hall	5.00
Soap powder, soap, Ajax, bleach	.87
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	\$111.20

Balance of \$4.80 which we will use for Memorial Day.

ETHEL BOUTIN
MILDRED ELLIOTT

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Year Ending January 1, 1958

DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1959
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1958
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1960

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

Teacher

Mrs. Romina Boemig	Benton Street School Grades 1-8
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SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district on the eleventh day of March, 1958, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to

certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

	Paid Out 1956-57	Budget 1957-58	Paid Out to Jan. 1, '58	Proposed Budget 1958-59
Administration				
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers	\$ 59.50	\$ 54.50	\$ 11.00	\$ 62.50
2. Supt. Salary (Local Share)	* 48.24	52.10	36.32	41.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	40.00	40.00	44.00	40.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	39.67	40.00	37.77	41.00
5. Supplies & Expenses	42.44	60.00	35.83	60.00
Instruction				
6. Teachers' Salaries	3,000.00	3,100.00	1,215.06	3,100.00
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	44.11	100.00	62.15	100.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	116.12	100.00	172.78	100.00
10. Supplies and Other Expenses		10.00		10.00
Operation of School Plant				
11. Salaries of Janitors	422.00	410.00	180.00	410.00
12. Fuel or Heat	102.00	80.00	96.00	90.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	80.89	75.00	58.42	75.00
Maintenance of School Plant				
14. Repairs and Replacements	66.75	75.00	106.27	75.00
Auxiliary Activities				
15. Health Supervision	126.33	75.00	3.97	85.00
16. Transportation	318.24	300.00	110.00	300.00
17. Tuition	2,440.00	3,000.00	1,283.20	4,000.00
18. Special Activities & Funds			3.95	
Fixed Charges				
19. Retirement and Soc. Sec.	207.72	215.00	62.74	215.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Expense	52.71	55.00	54.44	55.00
Capital Outlay				
24. Contingency Fund		100.00		100.00
TOTAL	\$7,206.72	\$7,941.60	\$3,573.90	\$8,959.50

*Superintendent's salary is \$7,000.00. The State pays \$2,750. The Union pays \$4,250.00, divided as follows: Benton \$48.24, Easton \$60.35, Franconia \$660.03, Landaff \$104.97, Lincoln \$1,426.30, Lisbon Special \$1,304.33, Lisbon Town \$307.48, Lyman \$138.97 and Sugar Hill \$199.33. Division as determined by law. Report by Act of Legislature in form suggested by State Department of Education. This year, 1957-58, salary is \$7,422.00, State pays \$4,250.00. Next year, 1958-59 Budget, salary is \$7,600.00, State pays \$4,250.00, Union's share \$3,350.00.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1958-1959

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1958.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report
\$8,959.50

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1958	\$ 300.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	600.00
State Aid	1,900.00
Income from Trust Funds	50.00
Income from Tuition	175.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,959.50 for the school year 1958-1959.

ETHEL BOUTIN
JAMES LEONARD
MILDRED ELLIOTT
School Board

Recommended Motion

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$8,959.50 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the town for school purposes.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957****Receipts**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1956	\$ 120.70	
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	400.15	
State Aid: Foundation Aid	2,037.14	
Appropriation	4,214.11	
Balance due on prev. approp.	408.25	
Other Sources:		
Trust Funds	58.25	
Other	12.02	
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		\$7,250.62

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$7,206.72	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1957	43.90	
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		\$7,250.62

July 1, 1957 to January 1, 1958**Receipts**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1957	\$ 43.90	
State Aid	1,975.98	
Appropriation	975.00	
Other Receipts:		
Tuition	70.00	
Forest Reserve	700.00	
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		\$3,764.88

Payments

Orders of the School Board	\$3,573.90	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1958	190.98	
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		\$3,764.88

BALANCE SHEET**June 30, 1957****Assets**

Cash on Hand June 30, 1957	\$ 43.90
Accounts Due to District	
From Town	408.25

\$452.15**Liabilities**

none

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities

\$452.15

STATISTICAL TABLE**For 1956-1957**

School	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attendance	Average Tardiness
Benton St.	12	11.7	.3	97.9	1.5

Roll of Perfect Attendance

Bonnie Elliott	Grade 1
Melinda Gregory	Grade 1
Brenda Mason	Grade 1

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1957**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1956	\$ 120.70
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$4,214.11
Bal. Previous Appropriation	408.25
Received from State Treasurer	
State Funds	2,037.14
Federal Funds	400.15
Rec. as Income from Trust Funds	58.25
Rec. from State, Unexpended Per	
Capita Tax	12.02
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	\$7,129.92
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Total Amount Available for	
Fiscal Year	\$7,250.62
Less School Board Orders Paid	7,206.72
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1957	\$ 43.90

LENA COLLINS

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN

Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith submit my fifteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1956-1957 was 12, the average membership 11.75 and the percent of attendance 97.9. There were 11 pupils enrolled in other districts; one pupil attended Plymouth High School, one at Haverhill Academy, 4 at Woodsville High and 5 pupils attended Warren elementary school.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 14 which includes one tuition pupil from Haverhill. There are 5 elementary pupils attending at Warren and 2 attending at Haverhill. There is one pupil attending Plymouth High School, one attending Haverhill and there are 5 attending Woodsville High School.

Next year we expect to pay tuition for 10 high school and 6 elementary pupils. This tuition, with increased rates, will account for approximately half our budget.

Mrs. Romina Boemig teaches at Benton Street School for her third successive year. The children enjoy working with Mrs. Boemig and classes are going well. We are fortunate to avoid the rapid turn-over of teachers which takes place in many communities.

The school program was upset late in the fall with Asian flu. Most of the children were sick and school was closed for a week. Several days have been made up. The remainder will be made up before school closes in June.

Mrs. Boutin asked me if I would make a note in this report on the new R.E.A. advance minimum charge for light bills. As of June 1, 1957, an advance payment is made. When each monthly bill is presented a credit

balance is listed until this advance payment is used up. At first glance this bill appears overpaid. However, this is not so. It is a new method of billing.

I wish to thank the School Board for their help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM
Superintendent of Schools

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES 1956-1957

Administration

1. Salaries of District Officers		
Ethel Boutin, School Board	\$	12.00
James Leonard, School Board		10.00
Mildred Elliott, School Board		5.00
Lena Collins, Treasurer		15.00
Mildred Elliott, Auditor		6.00
Ethel Boutin, Clerk		11.50
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	\$	59.50
2. Superintendent's Salary		
Treasurer, Super. Union #34		48.24
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
Treasurer, State of N. H.		40.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel		
Ethel Boutin, School Census	\$	8.00
Treasurer, Super. Union #34		
Superintendent's Secretary		26.67
Forrest Clark, Truant Officer		5.00
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		39.67
5. Supplies & Expenses		
Treasurer, Super. Union #34,		
Travel and expenses	\$	25.99
Ethel Boutin, telephone calls		2.25
N. H. School Board Assn., dues		5.00
Bank Service charge		7.20
Lena Collins, postage		2.00
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		42.44

Instruction

6. Teacher's Salary	
Romina Boemig	\$2,322.20

Collector of Internal Revenue	454.00	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement	223.80	
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		3,000.00
7. Books & Other Instructional Aids		
Allyn & Bacon	\$ 12.87	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	6.86	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	17.31	
American Book Co.	7.07	
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		44.11
8. Scholars' Supplies		
American Education Pubs.	\$ 9.20	
Peck & Co.	5.75	
J. L. Hammett Co.	83.79	
Scrugg's Hardware	3.33	
Rand McNally Co.	6.10	
Lisbon Special School Dist., supplies	7.95	
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		116.12
Operation of School Plant		
11. Janitor's Salary		
Mildred Elliott		422.00
12. Fuel or Heat		
Albert Boutin, fuel	\$ 44.00	
John Boutin, fuel	44.00	
O. R. Conrad, kindling	6.00	
John Boutin, hauling kindling	3.00	
Forrest Clark, sawing kindling	3.00	
Ray Gregory, sawing kindling	2.00	
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		102.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		
N. H. Electric Coop.	\$ 47.60	
Edith Yeaton, janitor's sup.	1.38	

Scrugg's Hardware, janitor's supplies	19.92
Mildred Elliott, janitor's sup.	8.99
Mildred Elliott, cleaning	3.00

80.89

Maintenance of School Plant**14. Repairs & Replacements**

Iona Boutin, cleaning	\$ 10.00
Mildred Elliott, cleaning	10.00
James Elliott, labor	7.00
Ethel Boutin, cleaning	10.00
John Boutin, drawing sand	2.00
A. J. Boutin, cleaning drain	5.00
Joseph Boutin, fixing cellar drain	6.00
Aldrich General Store, dry cleaning curtain	6.00
Roy Gonyaw, repairs	7.75
Ernest Welch, repairs on clock	3.00

66.75

Auxiliary Activities**15. Health**

Dorothy Moulton	\$ 122.00
E. B. Mann & Co., med. sup.	4.33

126.33

16. Transportation

Linwood Tewksbury	\$ 43.24
Marcia Anderson, Treas. Warren School Dist.	275.00

318.24

17. Tuition

Warren School District M. Anderson, Treas.	\$ 750.00
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Haverhill School District		
Daniel Carr, Treas.	192.50	
Haverhill School District		
Wm. Eichorn, Treas.	82.50	
Woodsville School District		
Clarence Knox, Treas.	1,100.00	
Plymouth School District		
Merlin Connery, Treas.	315.00	
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Fixed Charges		
19. Retirement		
Treas., Super. Union #34	\$ 3.12	
N. H. Teachers' Retire.	204.60	
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20. Insurance		
R. T. Bartlett, Insurance	\$ 48.71	
George Quig, Treas. Bond	4.00	
	<hr/>	52.71
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TOTAL		\$7,206.72

Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
	Living	Stillborn					
1957							
Mar. 3 Stanley Lawrence Drew, Jr.	M	L	Stanley Lawrence Drew, Sr.	Marion Elizabeth McLeod	Benton	Bow, N. H.	Bristol, N. H.
July 2 Samuel Andrew Gregory	M	L	Percival Raymond Gregory	Grace Mary Foley	Benton	Stamford, Conn.	Norwalk, Conn.
July 14 Donna Marie Boutin	F	L	Albert Joseph Boutin	Mabel Ella Guyette	Benton	Haverhill, N. H.	Raymond, N. H.
Aug. 9 Daniel Randy Elliott	M	L	John Gilbert Elliott, Jr.	Catherine Leona Mason	Benton	Bath, N. H.	Bath, N. H.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1957

Date and Cause of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Single, Married or Widowed			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation
				Single, Married or Widowed	Divorced	Separated			
1957									
Feb. 5	Howard R. Henderson	65	Dover, N. H.	W			Frank H. Henderson	Amelia Hamm	Stock R'm Clerk
Feb. 27	John Gerard McCarthy	44	New Hampshire	S			Patrick McCarthy	Helen O'Connor	Shoe Worker
May 5	Lillian Feich	72	New Hampshire	M			Clinton Silver	Pauline Ayer	Housewife
May 31	Gilman LaClair	72	Sutton, Vt.	W			Dana F. LaClair	Mary Duff Burke	Molder
June 30	Louis Foskin	65	Pulaski, Vt.	M			David Foskin	Camille	Chef
July 22	Mary Perreault	83	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	W			Noel Garneau	Emma LeFurvier	Retired Cook
Aug. 28	Harry Kamis		Greece	S			
Oct. 9	Hulda B. Johnson	61	Monson, Me.	W			John Burgerson	Helena Hagg	Housekeeping
Nov. 27	Charles Philip Doty	80	Plattsburg, N.Y.		D		Alexander Doty	Mary Landry	Electrician and Plumber
Dec. 28	James Minton	66	Manchester, N.H.			S	James H. Minton	Victoria LaFiamme	Unknown—Retired
	Strangulation (by hanging, Suicide)								

